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Sir:

I, Sari Harrison, residing at 208 San Pedro Circle, San Jose, California 95110 and being a citizen of the United States of America, hereby offer the following Declaration in support of the above-identified patent application.

1. I am an Engineering Manager, Applied Security at Apple Computer Inc. ("Apple"), which is the assignee of the patent application. I have been an employee of Apple for nearly 7 years.
2. I have reviewed the patent claims currently of record and am familiar with them.
3. Prior to November 1994, I saw an in-house demonstration of Apple's Cyberdog project in Cupertino, California. The demonstration was presented by Stephen Fischer, who I understand and believe is one of the co-inventors of the patent application. None of the co-inventors are currently employed at Apple.

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4. The in-house demonstration included the running of computer code, which I understand and believe had been written some time prior to November 1994. The computer code which was demonstrated prior to November 1994 implemented, among other things, a network component layer for developing network navigation components that are capable of providing services to a computer network, such as the Internet, as recited in the patent application. Additionally, the network component layer was coupled to a component architecture layer which, in turn, interfaced with an operating system and permitted communication among the computing and navigation components.

5. In November 1994, I joined the Cyberdog Project at Apple. At that time, I reviewed numerous computer source code files which, as stated above, I understand and believe had been written some time prior to November 1994.

6. Based on the foregoing, I understand and believe that the invention claimed in the patent application was demonstrated to work for its intended purpose prior to November 1994.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

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